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LETTER FROM FORT YALE.

Correspondence of the British Colonist.

FORT YALE, March 6, 1859.

EDITOR COLONIST:—On Saturday, 19th Feb., a letter arrived by Express from Gov. Douglas peremptorily discharging from the office of Crown Commissioner for British Columbia Richard Hicks, who has filled (or rather disgraced) that position for the last seven months.

The causes that have at last led to this disgraceful termination of Hicks' official career are many, and of such a bold and flagrant nature that even a more careless or incompetent official than Gov. Douglas could not well allow to pass unnoticed. The most important charge against Hicks is his prostitution of his high official position to further his own pecuniary advancement. If a miner visited Mr. Hicks at his office, and wished to secure a water privilege for the purpose of bringing in a ditch in order to facilitate mining operations, and thereby develop

the resources of this virgin country, he was coolly informed that a "permit" to secure such water right would not be given unless he (Hicks) was first allowed an interest in the ditch company! Particularly was this the case with the parties who located the new Hill's Bar and the Prince Albert Flat ditches, our model Commissioner demanding and receiving an equal share before he would consent to issue the permit. It remains a mystery to this day among the residents in this locality how Gov. Douglas was ever honeyfugged into giving such an unworthy personage so important a position. Surely there must be something more than "weakness" or "incompetency" on the part of our Executive when he is induced to issue commissions to every Tom, Dick or Harry, who may ask for an official position or desire a favor. As a proof thereof, look at his "land grant" to Hicks, Champlain, and York,—a grant which I am assured, on the best authority, he had no right to make. The "grant" was made in this wise:—In May last, when the Governor visited this place, he was immediately surrounded by a party of men anxious to serve the country in any capacity, or if an office was not to be had would accept of "drippings" from the public pap bowl. After being feted his honor, in the goodness of his heart, generously bestowed upon Richard Hicks "one acre of ground for a garden," and upon Thomas York and E. Champlain each one-half acre for the same purpose, stating that when the town was laid out the property could be selected and titles given for the same. The three fortunate grantees immediately repented to the bluff or levee and after pacing off the required number of feet placed their stakes, and then, like the pugilistic Irishman who begged somebody to favor him by stepping upon the tail of his coat, looked around for the man who would dare pull them up. But now we come to a more serious part of the business,—one in which the Governor himself is personally compromised. In September last His Excellency made another visit to Fort Yale, and, being called upon for a speech, told the residents "to build and improve, and that when the lots came into market, those having houses should be secured the lots on which they stood." This advice was given, it will be seen, some months after the "grant" above alluded to had been made to Hicks and Co. The people did "build and improve," cleared and graded lots, felled trees and cut trails, and when the lots on which their houses stood came into market they were coolly informed that Mr. Hicks owned so much, Mr. Champlain so much, and Mr. York so much; but that they might have any other lot they chose on paying \$400. Strange to say, the honorable grantees claim all the improved and valuable lots on Front street, leaving the rest for the duped and credulous "outsiders" who placed implicit reliance on a Governor's word! It is said that Gov. Moody was busily employed while here in investigating these fraudulent claims, and it is thought they will be thrown out. Be the decision what it may, there will be ample employment for lawyers here for years to come.

There are other charges of a grave character against Hicks, which need investigation, and to which I shall allude in my next.

At present every thing goes on smooth-

ly under the new regime, if I except the insulting manner in which the post master treats any and all visitors to his office. It is to be hoped that gentleman will "mend his ways" and adopt a different course in future, as a petition is talked of asking for his removal.

The weather continues variable, although a thaw is looked for by the miners.

A large number of canoes are pushing on up the river, and we expect stirring news shortly from the upper mines.

The residents of Yale are building a bridge over Anderson river, for the purpose of facilitating mule and foot travel from here to the Forks.

The economically managed Lilloouette Trail seems to remain in statu quo, judging from the large number of arrivals from below the last few days.

PUSS-IN-THE-CORNER.

MARCH 14.

Hicks, the ex-commissioner, departed about a week since for Victoria, for the purpose of asking, it is said, a reinstatement in office from His Excellency. About a week before his departure, he passed an evening at a low drinking saloon, and gambled away \$275 with some fellows who professed to be his friends. Apart from his black mail levies upon ditch companies and miners, it has lately been discovered that he was in the habit of "recording" lots to many of our residents, (receiving therefor the sum of \$4 40s.) and afterwards selling the same lots to other and totally different parties, thus realising several hundred dollars. The consequence of all this is that four-fifths of the lots here have two and sometimes even three owners. Mr. Champlain, a former partner of Hicks, has stated publicly that he has, on several occasions, seen the latter destroy a whole handful of "records" by fire in one day, and obliterate others from his books. If this be true, why is not an official investigation ordered? Why is this man allowed to go unpunished, while the poor devil who only steals to obtain the means to keep him from starvation is sent to prison, a disgraced and branded fellow-being? Where, Mr. Editor, is our boasted English justice?—our equal and exact justice.

Since my last nothing has transpired in regard to the Governor's "deed of gift" to Hicks, Champlain, and York; but the present occupiers of the lot express their intention to hold on to the property until officially notified to vacate. Strong hopes are entertained by the "victims" that Gov. Moody will right the matter speedily.

PUSS-IN-THE-CORNER.

The following letter has been handed to us by a gentleman who was connected with the Lilloouette trail. This friend of Mr. Young denies that any attempt was made to pull down Lindhard's house; but admits that he was stopped from building it for five weeks, which is proof sufficient of stopping the settlement of the country. Now, Lindhard informed us that he attempted to pull it down; and made friends again with him by giving him doors, etc. The latter "Colonist" admits. But does it not appear strange that doors should be given to the keeper of a disreputable house, as

"Colonist" would make Lindhard's? As regards Mr. Young never being paid for his services, that may all be true; but we hope "Colonist" will inform the public whether Wright paid any money to get his mule contract:

VICTORIA, 25th March, 1859.

EDITOR COLONIST: Sir—With respect to the reference made to Mr. C. B. Young in your paper of 19th inst., Mr. Young never attempted to pull down Lindhard's house at Port Douglas: the latter did not belong to the trail, and Mr. Young always contended that the trail men having given by their work on the road importance to Port Douglas, they were entitled to preference in locating, and to any other advantages derivable from the place. Supposing Lindhard's house had been removed, it would have been no loss to Port Douglas, for it was used for the illicit sale of liquors to all comers, and other objectionable purposes such as card playing, etc.

When Mr. Anderson went to Port Douglas, on 5th Aug., he had a notice posted, that no person would be allowed to locate at Port Douglas without special permission from the Governor.

When Mr. Young returned to Port Douglas, on the 2d Sept., his attention was directed to the house being built by Lindhard with the colonial timber, cut down without leave or license; he desired to see his authority for so doing; Lindhard had none to show, but said the Governor had given him permission, on which he was advised to suspend operations until that fact was ascertained; and on Mr. Young's return, on the 9th Oct., he having been informed through Mr. Anderson, that permission had been granted, Mr. Young notified Lindhard that he might proceed, and even aided him with doors and windows, of which he was in need. That did not look much like attempting to pull down his house, but on the contrary, helping to build it up.

Mr. Young has not received any remuneration whatever, either directly or indirectly, for his services; nor has he speculated in any way whatever with, or in any matter connected with, Port Douglas, to the extent of a single dollar. He purchased his Victoria lots on the 28th June and 2d July, before the Littlecote trail was contemplated, and paid what was no doubt considered by the sellers a handsome price for them.

I am, Sir, your ob't serv't.
A COLONIST.

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
A. DEE COLEMAN, Editor.
SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1859.

THE love of justice is a part of our mental, as well as physical, organization. When we see this great balance—we might almost call it the principle of life—trifled with, it causes our feelings to revolt; and a humiliating sense of the littleness of the man who does so, takes possession of our mind, to the exclusion of his other qualities. If the act is the result of ignorance—then he has our pity; but if it be done with the intellect well schooled, stored with intelligence, and showing the stamp of cultivation—then he has our contempt. In the discharge of duties where a fine sense of discriminating between right and wrong is required, none but those fully competent should be trusted; if they are, and through any want of learning, Courts of Law are brought into contempt, let them bear the full weight of public con-

demnation. On the other hand, if Justice is bid hold her tongue, by the learned, in such cases, the offence should not be permitted a second time. Sediment should never be allowed at the top—its place is at the bottom.

We have heard a great many comments, and an unusual amount of bitterness expressed, within the last day or two, in regard to a recent decision of Judge Pemberton, wherein a white man was fined twenty-five dollars for alleged selling liquor to Indians. We are told that the only evidence before the Court, and upon which the man was convicted, was that of an Indian; and that the Court refused to take the oath of the defendant as a set off against the Indian's.

The question naturally enough arises among the people, how far will this system of equality, between the whites and the Indians, established by our "intelligent and highly moral" rulers, be carried out? Will these savages be allowed on all occasions when their hatred of the white race, whom they look upon as their enemy, incites them to anger, to run into Court and prefer a charge against some member of the obnoxious race, based on nothing more substantial than their own testimony? Such an insecure state of affairs is calculated to alarm the feelings, and arouse the fears, of the most quiet person in our midst. The Indian looks upon the white man as one who owes him obedience; as a slave who has broken from his will, and will gradually take the place of himself and children, their lands, everything, unless they are checked, and made to quail. There is, consequently, a continual craving after revenge, in the mind of an Indian, which blinds him to every other feeling.

But, if it were otherwise, how can they know, morally, the value of an oath? We are informed by some writers, who have made the Indian character the study of years, that they are only truly happy when deceiving the whites. They certainly are not, as every candid man will admit, to be looked upon as rational, discriminating beings, who are awake to all the finer feelings of humanity,—because these traits produce results to which they are unaccustomed, and of which the traditions of their forefathers do not speak, which, to the Indian mind, is everything; but they should be looked upon as a race of poor unfortunates, deserving of our protection, when it can be afforded them under cover of law, and justice, but upon stronger grounds than their own testimony, as it stands at present. We look upon this matter as an outrage; and as something which should never be allowed to occur again.

We have no desire to screen those human fiends who sell liquor to Indians; far from it. They would barter their chances of Heaven for money. We would like to see them punished to the full extent of the law. But it is establishing an injurious precedent—and one which will be a continual source of annoyance—to admit Indian testimony, when not supported by anything more reliable, against white men; and it is also something of which no sound law-giver would be guilty.

THE CANOE COUNTRY.—It appears to be the general opinion, since the arrival of the last steamer from the river, that the hardy miners have at last succeeded in finding dry diggings which are good beyond doubt; and that they are just as anxious now for the river to rise a little as they were some months since to have it fall: it being next to impossible to take water from the main stream to supply the miners, when as low as it is at present. The neighborhood in which these diggings exist, is known as the Canoe Country; but until recently its solitudes have remained undisturbed, and its treasures comparatively unknown, except in vague surmise, on account of its inaccessibility, and the trouble of obtaining food when once there. A few pioneers, however, penetrated its wilds last fall, and meeting with good success, have made known their discoveries, and the result is an immense rush from all the mining camps on the Lower Fraser. The "Canoe diggings" commence about 40 miles above the Fountain, and extend nobody as yet knows how far; but it is thought they will prove of immense extent and richness. The surface of the country is represented as being more even than it is along the Fraser below, and as presenting many inducements to the agriculturalist,—on whom in a great measure will depend the thorough exploration of the mines, and the general advancement of the country. We are told that great numbers are leaving with a precipitancy hitherto unknown on the other side of the Sound, and that in consequence "help" is becoming scarce. In our own town idlers are but seldom met with now. But let the government offer some little advantages to farmers, and induce them to go in and settle, to put in crops, that something may be raised on the ground for the support of the thousands of miners who will flock in, and no fears need be entertained for the future of British Columbia.

THE H. B. Co's bark Princess Royal, hauled out of the harbor yesterday morning. She takes a cargo valued at \$156,000, chiefly furs belonging to the Company; and several passengers, among whom is Dr. Johnston, an old and well known resident of the Island. She sails for England.

THERE has been some talk among the business men of our town, about organizing a fire department. A very commendable project. The idea is, we believe, to raise a fund and purchase one of the engines now in the possession of the H. B. Co. We would recommend the sinking of reservoirs in some of the back streets.

IT is the intention of the H. B. Co. to place their fine steamer Labouchere on the route between this port and San Francisco. A truly good move; and one which will meet the hearty approval of the traveling public. She leaves this morning on her first trip.

THE H. B. Co's steamer Otter left this port yesterday morning for San Francisco, where she is to be thoroughly overhauled; and receive new boilers.


NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.
WANTED—A Partner in one of the best Hotels in Victoria, now doing a large business and steadily increasing, the present proprietor needing more assistance, wishes to take a partner. For Particulars, apply to the office of the British Colonist.
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WANTED.
TWO Teachers for the Colonial Boys' Schools—one at Victoria, and another at Craig Flower. For information apply to the Rev. E. CRIDGE, at the Parsonage, to whom testimonials and references as to character and qualifications, are to be addressed, Victoria, March 25th, 1859.

J. E. CROWLEY,
Johnson st., nearly opposite Waddington st.,
Bar and Sheet Iron;
Blacksmith's Tools;
Agricultural, Farming Implements,
and Hardware generally.
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NOTICE.
THE undersigned have this day sold to K. Gambitz the business heretofore existing under the firm of Barnett and Bro., at Victoria, V. I.
BARNETT AND BRO.
P. S.—All outstanding debts to the above firm Mr. Gambitz is authorized to collect. mh1912

VICTORIA BREWERY

AND LAGER BEER.
AGENCY ON YATES STREET, BETWEEN WHARF AND GOVERNMENT.
A LARGE STOCK constantly on hand. Orders filled for Queenborough, and every other town on Fraser River.
Beer delivered in any part of the town of Victoria free of charge.
J. D. CARROLL, Sole Agent. Cm
March 19th.

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED, on Johnson street, opposite Wharf st., the cargo of the "Augenette" from Sandwich Island, consisting in part as follows:
No. 1 Sugar, various qualities,
S. I. Coffee, extra quality;
Syrups and Molasses,
Palm, a very superior article for bedding,
Sweet Potatoes, Beans,
Pork, Pickled Tongues, etc., etc.
R. C. JANION.
March 11, 1859. mh12

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED—
Bacon, Pork, Lard, Butter,
Crushed and China Sugars,
Green and Black Teas,
Java and Rio Coffee,
Candles, Twine, etc., etc.
A. R. GREEN & CO.,
Commission Merchants,
Johnson street, fronting Wharf st.
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MR. G. I. WIGHT,
BARRISTER AT LAW
Of Supreme Court of Civil Justice,
VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.
CONVEYANCER AND NOTARY PUBLIC,
YATES STREET, VICTORIA. mh12

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COMMISSION MERCHANT,
JOHNSON STREET, OPPOSITE WHARF STREET,
VICTORIA, V. I.
and at
Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, and Cable Street, Liverpool. mar5

HENRY C. WILSON,
LUMBER MERCHANT,
Wharf St., Victoria, V. I.
Cargoes of Masts, Spars and Lumber fitted to order. f19-4m
L. P. FOSTER—
50,000 feet 4 inch Boards,
75,000 T and G Flooring,
25,000 Rough Weather Boarding,
50,500 Laths,
90,000 Cedar Shingles,
63 Doors, assorted sizes,
110 Windows, assorted sizes,
726-4m 45 Pair Window Blinds.

FROM FRASER.—By the arrival of the Eliza Anderson, from Queensboro, we have dates up to Thursday the 24th inst. Matters at that place were progressing as well as could be expected. Trees were being cut down in all directions, streets laid out and cleared, and every thing put in proper shape.

The rush for the upper mines is steadily on the increase. A gentleman who came down by the Anderson informed us that he met at least one thousand persons going up through the canon.

The Anderson was compelled to lay over on Thursday night, at Plummer pass, in consequence of a slight derangement of her machinery. She has proved herself a first class boat for this trade, and worthy the support of the traveling public.

The miners all along the river have resumed operations; and it is expected that a large amount of gold will be taken out during the ensuing fortnight.

The news generally is of a very encouraging nature.

We call the attention of the public to the Metropolitan Hotel, on Gov. street. It is a good house.

THE "TIMES" ON CORRUPTION IN CANADA.—Let us now turn to Canada. The Democratic Municipalities of Canada seem to understand the incidents of taxation just as well as the sovereign Rectors of New York themselves. The rates they levy on property are perfectly enormous. Take, for example, the town of Hamilton, from which its municipality extracts a rate of three and sixpence in the pound, calculated on the rack-rent. But turn to the democratically-elected Canadian Parliament. The motto there is "Nothing for nothing," and that member is most prized by his constituents who can procure for them the greatest share of the public revenue. Three happy days of Walpole, when an hon. member was content to take for his vote a consideration in hard cash, and so close the transaction! Modern corruption is more expensive. Each municipality claims as the price of its support, through its member of the Government of the day, the grant of a large amount of public money, or, at any rate, the loan of the public credit to guarantee what it may borrow. Thus the public revenue is burdened with heavy debts, and becoming inadequate, not for the legitimate expenses of the Government, but for the process of bribing a whole community in detail with money raised from it in the gross, requires to be recruited by the imposition of new taxes.

NOTICE.

ALL steamers visiting Esquimalt Harbour, can have the use of Mr. Selleck's Wharf FREE after the 22d of March.

PARTIES wishing to purchase Lots in the town of ESQUIMALT, can have every information by applying to Selim Franklin and Co., Yates street, Victoria, or Mr. Selleck, at Esquimalt. mh19'4

GARDEN SEEDS.

JUST received a large supply of Garden Seeds (growth 1898) raised by the Shakers at New Lebanon, New York, also a choice collection of Flower Seeds. For sale by

CURTIS AND MOORE, Druggists, Yates street, Victoria

WANTED,

A GOOD STEADY MAN, as Ploughman. Liberal wages will be given. Appl. to MR. SKINNER, Constance Farm, Esquimalt. March 19.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, V. I.

ARRIVALS.

March 18th—Barge Bridge River, Moore, British Columbia.
Str Beaver, Sinclair, B. C.
Schr Nevada, Neill, Port Townsend.
Sloop Josephine Hewitt, Hewitt, B. C.
Schr Laura, Trahey, B. C.
Schr Leonede, Allen, Port Townsend.
Str Brother Jonathan, Staples, Portland.
Str Labuchere, Swanson, Port Simpson.
March 21st—Str Eliza Anderson, Wells, Astoria.
Str Frances Helen, Ray, San Francisco.
Schr Elizabeth, Melvin, Port Townsend.
Schr H C Page, Obery, Port Townsend.
March 22d—Schr C S Kidder, Sissa, Port Townsend.
March 24th—Str Beaver, Lewis, Langley.
March 25th—Str Eliza Anderson, Wells, Langley.
Nanaimo Packet, Walker, Nanaimo.

CLEARANCES.

March 19th—Schr Reporter, Elgen, Port Townsend.
Schr Laura, Trahey, Langley.
March 23d—Str Constitution, Gove, Port Townsend.
Ofer, Mowat, San Francisco.
Gov Douglas, Murray, Langley.
Bark Princess Royal, London.
C S Kidder, Sissa, Port Townsend.
March 24th—H C Page, Obery, Port Townsend.
Brig Langley, Delcott, Langley.

VANCOUVER ISLAND.—FOR SALE—

A FARM OF 385 ACRES OF THE RICHEST description of arable land, near the mouth of the important Harbour of Esquimalt. About 60 acres have been broken and fenced in. A commodious residence, excellent barn, and other outhouses. For a stock farm it is second to none in the country.

It is situated on the coast facing the Olympian range on the opposite shore of the Straits de Fuca, with a road running thru the estate, possesses a good boat harbour, valuable Oak and Pine timber, a running stream and a large water power or Mill privilege with from 30 to 40 feet fall.

To any one wishing to invest in real estate this is a rare opportunity, which with the present golden prospects of this rich country is not likely to recur; immediate possession can be had, with a clear and direct title from the Colonial Government.

FOR SALE.—Also, 20 Acres of rich bottom land, well watered and finely timbered, in the Salt Lake, one mile outside Esquimalt Harbour.

The above will be sold at Auction entire, or in lots to suit purchasers at Victoria, V. I., on the 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 1899, unless previously disposed of by private contract. Apply to Mr. JAMES COOPER, Esquimalt.

Or to H. P. P. CREASE, Esq., Barrister at Law, Victoria, V. I.
SELIM FRANKLIN & Co., Auctioneers and Land Agents.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE undersigned at the old stand, Government st. between Yates and Johnson sts., tenders his thanks to his numerous customers for the liberal share of patronage extended to him in his business, and takes this opportunity to assure them that nothing shall be wanting on his part to insure a continuance of their favours. He has just added to his already large stock of Ironmongery, Stoves, Tin and sheet Iron, Glass and Crockery ware, and proposes to offer to the public every article in his line of business at a small advance on first cost.

Purchasers desiring anything connected with the above business, are invited to try his establishment, which he flatters himself will compare favorably with any other on the Pacific coast. MARTIN PRAG, Victoria, V. I., and 43 Clay st., San Francisco 326

TO JUDGES OF FINE OLD FRENCH BRANDY, &c.

J. D. CUSHEON, Manager of the UNION HOTEL, Government Street, near Johnston St. VICTORIA.

HAS received a large consignment of the finest old French Brandy and other Liquors ever imported into this Island.

As for his sparkling A 1 BURTON ALE. Nothing on earth can beat it, as a most refreshing and exhilarating draught.

The table is daily supplied with every delicacy.

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Lodgings do. to 4 and 2 dollars per week.
50 Beds at 23 and 50 cents each per night.
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VICTORIA WHOLESALE PRICE CURRENT.

CORRECTED WEEKLY.	
Apples, dried, 3 lb	13 00-15
Bacon, 3 lb	2 00-2 25
Bacon, extra clear, 3 lb	40 00-45
Beans, 3 lb	17 00-18
Butter, 3 lb	3 00-3 25
Butter, 3 lb	35 00-40
Butter, 3 lb	4 00-11
Bread, 3 lb	3 00-10
Cheese, 3 lb	8 00-11
Cheese, 3 lb	00 00-
Coffee, Rio, 3 lb	21 00-29
Coffee, Java, 3 lb	21 00-
Chico, 3 lb	35 00-45
Cocoa, 3 lb	34 00-35 50
Cocoa, 3 lb	10 00-11
Flour, best brands, 3 lb	9 50 00-10 50
Gummi, 3 lb	18 00-25
Hams, 3 lb	23 00-21
Lard, in 10 lb cans, 3 lb	19 00-21
Meat, according to quality, 3 lb	18 00-22
Mackerel, 3 lb	4 00-
Salt, per 3 lb	6 50-10
Onions, 3 lb	2 00-2 25
Pork, extra clear, 3 lb	15 00-15 50
Pork, 3 lb	15 00-15 50
Pork, 3 lb	6 00-7
Port, 3 lb	1 00-2
Quicksilver, 3 lb	90 00-1
Rice, Carolina, 3 lb	8 00-7
Sugar, Cuba No. 1, fair, 3 lb	16 00-
Sugar, China No. 1, fair, 3 lb	105 00-11
Sugar, New Orleans, fair, 3 lb	10 00-12
Sugar, San Francisco refined, 3 lb	13 00-13 50
Syrup, 3 lb	90 00-1
Shoes, 3 lb	13 00-14
Shirts, drawers, 3 lb	10 50 00-11 50
Over shirts, 3 lb	18 00-21
Tees, green, according to quality, 3 lb	20 00-35
Tees, black, according to quality, 3 lb	19 00-25
Yeast Powders, 3 lb	2 00-3

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FORT YALE, March 15, '58.

EDITOR COLONIST: The excitement incident on the fight between McGowan and Bagley has completely died away, the latter having departed ten days ago for California, after selling out his rich claim on Hill's Bar to a new-comer for the paltry sum of \$500.

Business here continues to improve; although the trail between here and the Forks is not yet open. Large numbers of boats, filled with miners and loaded with provisions, continue to push up the canons on their way to the upper mines. The miners all seem confident of ultimate success.

This route offers many advantages to the newly arrived immigrant. Being on the line of the mines, men with small means will be induced to travel this way in the hope of obtaining employment which will enable them to secure funds to prosecute their journeys to the upper country, and as numerous flats between Hope and the canons have never yet been prospected, it is reasonable to suppose that new and rich diggings will be struck on most of them this spring. The bridge over Anderson's river is nearly completed, and the trip from here to the Forks can be made in three days, or even less time. In case a trail were cut from Yale to Thompson river, via the river, the trip could be made in a day and a half. It is hoped the government engineers will examine and report speedily as to the feasibility of such an improvement.

No accidents have occurred recently in the canons, although seven boats have been swamped at Hill's Bar rifle within the two past weeks. Cause—carelessness on the part of the crew. With sufficient care from those having charge of them, no boat need be lost on the river during a low stage of water.

The various claims in this vicinity are being worked again by their owners, the recent thaw facilitating operations very much.

Yours truly, AJAX.

A PRISONER AMONG THE CAMANCHES.—The Albany Knickerbocker notices the return to that city of Nelson Lee, who was taken prisoner by the Camanche Indians in 1836, near Eagle Pass, while on his way from Texas to California. He furnishes the following:—Lee's life was spared because the Indians could not manage a repeating watch which he carried. The watch saved his life. In the Camanche camp Mr. Lee found no less than 28 captured white women, and some 50 or 40 white children. A day or two after he arrived in camp they massacred an English woman, named Anna Haskin, in a most cruel manner. They tied her naked to a tree, and in the presence of her two daughters, Margaret and Harriet Haskin, inflicted the most revolting cruelties upon her. Before Mrs. Haskin was finally dispatched she was tortured for nearly half a day, during which time the Indians became excited with liquor and danced about her like so many demons. They took sharp pieces of flint and cut her flesh in all possible directions. Mrs. Haskin and her daughters were captured while on their way to the Mormon settlements at Salt Lake. The daughters still remain with the Indians. Their ages are 17 and 19. Lee made his escape in the following manner:—He was accompanied by the chief of the Camanches to a lodge some miles distant. During the tramp they met a party of Indians; the Indians gave the chief a skin filled with liquor. The chief drank of the spirits, and became excited. Arriving at a creek he dismounted and stooped down to drink. At this moment Lee seized his tomahawk, split his head open, and killed him instantly. He then took the chief's

rifle and mounted the chief's horse, and put for Mexico. When he reached Mexico he was completely naked, while his feet and legs were so swollen from being cut by the cactus plant, that he could go only some eight miles a day. The last hundred miles he did on foot, his horse having died of exhaustion.

A FREAK OF NATURE.—Dr. Vestal yesterday requested us to go to the Commercial Hotel to see a rare *lusus naturæ*. He has a girl who has four legs and feet, and two heads, four arms, and the upper part of the two bodies, perfectly formed, with the exception that the heart of one of those bodies is in the right side instead of the left, but though it is double at its heads, arms and legs, yet in its spinal and pelvis arrangements it is one. Its two heads are very intelligent, and answer and sing together. In answering questions asked by any one both answer together, and in the same words, or, if different questions are asked, each answers differently. In walking the girl uses two or four legs, which ever happens to be the most convenient. In eating she uses both mouths, though it is supposed that one would answer the purpose as well, as there is but one set of digestive organs. They were two persons joined together by a membrane. The girl is two persons with one body—duality in uniting.—[Cincinnati Gazette.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM.—There is in all the communities too great tendency to centralization of mental activities, too little of free individual thought and action. He is a self-enslaved man who condescends to be but the echo of a clique or party, who thinks according to rule, and speaks under instruction. He is no longer a distinct unit, an isolated individual, but a portion of an organization. He stifles himself continually not only in range of thought, but in power of expression. He adopts not only the ideas of that aggregate of men to which he belongs, but their very words, until his speech becomes but the parrot-like phraseology of his party. And thus, ere he himself may be aware of the fact, these phrases become not only the signs but the substitutes of thoughts.

As national progress is dependent upon freedom, so is intellectual progress. As man must emancipate himself from Governmental despotism, which concerns itself principally with his physical being, before he can take his appropriate place in the grand drama of civilization, so must he free himself from all intellectual tyranny ere he can work out nobly his own individual destiny, and soar untrammelled through the empyreal realm of thought.

DEATH OF A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR IN NOVA SCOTIA.—The Hon. William Rudolf, M. L. C. of Lunenburg, departed this life on the 1st inst. Mr. Rudolf has been a member of the Legislature of Nova Scotia for 55 years. In 1826 he was chosen one of the representatives of the county of Lunenburg in the House of Assembly, and continued to occupy that seat until 1858. He was that year elevated to the Legislative Council, of which body he has ever since been a member. Mr. Rudolf is the fifth member of the Legislative Council who has died within the last two years, or since the present Government came into power.

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